

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

U.S. Application No.: 10/540,864

Attorney Docket No.: Q88792

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29 are pending and subject to a Restriction Requirement.

Claims 12-14 have been editorily amended to expressly incorporate the recitations of the claims from which they depended and to use idiomatic English. New claims 23-29 are supported by original claims 2-8.

Accordingly, no new matter is added.

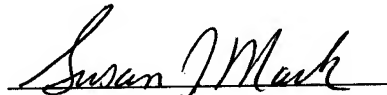
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II, claims 12-14 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-11, 15, 16, and 17-22.

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